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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This submission is made in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 17, 2008. Please consider this submission to include a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, to extend the time for reply through April 17, 2008. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee (\$460.00) to Deposit Account 09-0528.

In reply to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-20; gel mass compositions). Further, Applicants elect gelatin, glycerin, acrylic acid/methacrylic acid, triethyl citrate, and ammonium hydroxide as a species for purposes of initial searching. Of the claims of Group I, it is believed that at least claims 1-4 and 7-19 read on the elected species.

Further, Applicants have provided herein a preliminary amendment of claims as indicated below.

**Amendment of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.